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[Despatch Abstract.]

SANITATION - Rural sanitation - Scheme for improvement - Revised proposal of the Director of Public Health - Orders passed -

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education & Public Health Department.
G.O.Ms.No.3069, Public Health dated 31-8-1949.

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ABSTRACT

Sanitation - Rural sanitation - Scheme for improvement Revised proposals of the Director of Public Health - Orders passed -

READ:-

From the Director of Public Health R.No.353-8-P.W.R.46 dated 7-6-1947.
-do- R.No.72667-2-PWR/46 dated 2-8-1947.
-do- R.No.78440-1.P.W.R./47 dated 4-2-48.

ORDER:

Scheme No.95 of the Post War Development schemes relating to conservancy and sanitation contemplates the provision in the course of 20 years of a minimum of ten public latrines in the area served by each public health centre established under Scheme No.92 (Expansion of Public Health Services) and the enforcement of the construction of private latrines, wherever feasible. The scheme also contemplates the establishment of workshops at each District headquarters to make standardised conservancy plant and equipment. In 1946 the Director of Public Health put up to Government proposals for implementing scheme No.95. These proposals provided for a large number of Public Health personnel in each district on a health range basis and for a lump sum contribution toward the cost of construction of latrines for each district. The Government considered that the scheme had been dealt with independently of Scheme No.92 and Scheme No.99. They thought that this should not be done and asked the Director of Public Health to submit revised proposals.

2. The Director of Public Health has accordingly submitted his revised proposals. These proposals provide for the employment of 900 Assistant Health Inspectors and 854 peons whereas scheme No.95 contemplates the employment of only maistries, sweepers and scavengers, as the health staff would be provided under Schemes Nos.92 and 99. Any justification for increasing the health staff will be greatly reduced if the resolution of the Public Health Board that District Health Officers will remain in camp at the place of infection until the infection is completely eliminated, is implemented. Moreover, under the present conditions of Provincial finance it will not be possible to employ such a large additional staff. The Government cannot therefore accept these revised proposals.

3. However at a Conference held in March 1949, at which the late Hon'ble Minister(Public Health) and the Director of Public Health were present it was considered that a special staff should be engaged for the provision of sanitary conveniences, that construction of private latrines should be encouraged by the distribution of squatting slabs at concessional rates, only a third of the cost being recovered from houseowners, the balance being met by Government and the local bodies concerned to start with, that ultimately the full cost should be recovered from the parties, supervision services alone being provided for by Government and the local bodies, and that at the district conference of the health staff proposed to be held at the headquarters of each district every month, health officers, health inspectors and sanitary inspectors should be given training in soil sanitation and septic tank latrine construction work by means of lectures and demonstrations. The Government have carefully considered the proceedings of this conference and pass the following orders.

4. The Government cannot approve the proposal that the cost of any staff that may be found necessary for the provision of sanitary conveniences should be borne by them. It is for the local body to meet the cost of such staff as an integral part of the cost of the project undertaken.

5. As regards construction of private latrines the Government in G.O.No.4368 Public Health dated 24th December 1948 asked the Director of Public Health to advise local authorities to stock sufficient cement for sale to private parties for construction of latrines and also to sell water seal squatting slabs at concessional rates. The Conference, as stated, above, has recommended that the Government should meet a portion of the cost of supply of these slabs at concessional rates. The Government do not consider it necessary to do so. In this connection the Government may point out that it has often been represented to them that private parties are deterred from constructing latrines by the cost, which is unduly high, in the absence of standard slabs and other parts, and that if these are made easily available there will be a good progress in constmuction. There are three possible agencies available, first, that of Government, manufacturing the parts at district headquarters or at other centres on a mass scale at as low a cost as possible. Considering tne fragility and weight of the slabs the constructions cannot be centralised in one or two places but should be at district headquarters. The second agency is that of the local bodies concerned. This is open to the objection that the production may not be of the same standard and that local bodies may be less competent than Government in the actual production of these items. The third agency is that of private manufacturer who may be given cement and other controllled materials subject to an agreement that they will sell the finished products at a price fixed by Government. They may also be assured that the public health staff will help in the sale by advertisement and by obtaining indents from their areas.

The Director of Public Health is requested to examine the relative merits of these three agencies with reference to the different items to be manufactured and to put up proposals with details of cost for setting up such productive units.

6. In respect of public latrines the Government consider that a plan as in the case of water supply and drainage schemes should be drawn up. The Director of Public Health is therefore requested to draw up in consultation with the Sanitary Engineer a five year plan for provision of public latrines of standard type-design with a schedule of cost according to the number of seats. He is also requested to ascertain from local bodies their requirements, asking them to fix the number of latrines required to be constructed within the next five years. The plan should be submitted as early as possible. On receipt of the plan the Government will consider whether it will be necessary for them to make any grants to local bodies ó in order to achieve substantial results in the scheme of latrine construction.

7. The Government also approve the proposaal that at the District Conference of Health staff proposed to be held at the Headquarters of each district every month, Health Officers, Health Inspectors and Sanitary Inspectors should be given training in soil sanitation and septic tank latrine construction by means of lectures and demonstrations.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

T.M.S.MANI,
Secretary to Govt.

To: The Director of Public Health.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Health Department.
Memorandum No.37831.E3/52-4.Health d/26-11-1952.

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Sub: Public Health District Conference of Health Staff - Travelling Allowance for the staff attending the Conference - Instructions issued -
Ref: G.O.No.3069 Public Health dated 31-8-1949.
From the Director of Public Health:
R.No.67532-Hyg(1)/52, dated 9-8-1952.

The Director of Public Health is informed that his presumption that the Health staff leaving their headquarters and coming beyond their jusrisdiction to attend the monthly District Conference of Health staff held at the District Headquarters as per the G.O. cited, are eligible for Travelling Allowance as per the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules is correct. He is also informed that except in the case of the Health Inspectors in whose case, the Government will bear the cost of the Travelling Allowance, the travelling allowance of the other Secretariat staff who attend the District Conference of Health staff should be met by the concerned local bodies themselves as the conference is held in furtherance of the co-ordinated health programme in the local areas concerned.

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To
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